

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 31st March 2023



EASTER MESSAGE FROM CANTRELL STAFF. Dear Parents, as we approach Easter, we wanted to take a moment to thank you for all your support throughout the Spring Term here at Cantrell. It has been a busy term for us all, but your unwavering support and encouragement have been invaluable to us and our wonderful children. Their positive attitudes and enthusiasm for learning have been truly inspirational and we feel so fortunate to have such wonderful children here at Cantrell. As we look forward to the Summer Term, we do so with positivity and excitement. We are confident that, with your continued support, we can make the most of the opportunities ahead and help our children to continue to grow and thrive. Once again, thank you for all that you do for our school community. We wish you all a very Happy Easter and a restful break with your family and friends.

ATTENDANCE. Still at 94.2% for the academic year so far which is an improvement. **147** children have received an Easter prize for 100% attendance throughout the Spring Term!

IMPORTANT UPDATE BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FOR ALL CANTRELL CHILDREN. Everyone who has completed the new contract will have received a booking confirmation. If you have not received this, please contact the office ASAP, if you have not returned a booking form your child will no longer have a place in April. Thank you. The new contracts and terms of conditions will begin from **April 1st** meaning **Breakfast Club will be £4 a session and After School Club £5 a session.** All money must be paid in advance or you will lose the place. Those parents who pay by the Government scheme (Childcare Grant Payment Service for full time students), have informed us of the dates when those payments will be made to school.

READING CHALLENGE WINNERS. Congratulations to class 6A, who have the highest average percentage score across the school for this half term! 🏆👏👏👏 They were each invited to come to school in non-school uniform today, watch a film 🎬 with us in the hall and eat popcorn🍿. The children were told that they are welcome to invite a special person to join them for the afternoon, if they would like to. What a lovely way to spend a Friday afternoon!! 😊👏🏠👏👏👏. Next terms' reading challenge begins on Monday 17th April 2023.

BECOMING A CANTRELL CHAMPION VOLUNTEER. We are continuing to build our group of volunteers to help support different community activities, including the pop-up giveaways. Please speak to Nicola Curzon or Ralph Surman for more information and to offer help and support for the Great Spring Giveaway.

VOUCHERS FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS. The City Council has made £15-per-week vouchers available to all pupils who receive free school meals (FSM) over the Easter holiday period. These have been issued to parents via email. **HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND (HAF) VOUCHERS.** Alongside the supermarket vouchers will be a number of outdoor holiday activities across Nottingham. At these, FSM pupils will receive a free lunch, plus a programme of activities focused on healthy eating, fitness and mental health. Parents can book places using their e-voucher codes which have been emailed directly to parents.

SAT'S WEEK YEAR 6. These take place immediately after the Coronation Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May. Holidays must not be booked from Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May inclusive. A detailed timetable of tests will follow shortly.

SWIMMING. This will start on **Tuesday 18th April** and every Tuesday in summer term for children in Year 6. Please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming kit. Long hair needs to be tied back. Girls need to wear a one piece costume and boys need trunks or shorts (no pockets and none below the knee). If your child wears goggles, please write a letter giving your permission to wear them.

PARENTS' EVENINGS. These will take place week commencing **Monday 24th April.** Appointments can be made in person or virtually via SchoolCloud again, an online system. Booking opens on **Tuesday 18th April.** Please register now at <https://cantrellprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>, if you haven't already, to book your slot. Booking confirmation will be sent to parents via email so please make sure we have an up to date, working email address for you. Please send details including your child's name, to: admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk.

YEAR 5 FOREST SCHOOL. This will start on **Tuesday 18th April** for children in classes 5A and 5B. Children will need to bring suitable outdoor clothing to change into every week. Please see the separate letter sent out last week for the list of clothing required. Waterproof suits and trousers are available online at www.schooltrends.co.uk.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS. It's important that the children use the latest versions of the app and website to ensure they receive the most secure, feature-rich and enjoyable experience of Times Tables Rock Stars. Some of the versions are so far behind that the children are missing out on key updates. **Solution if you're playing at home.** If using the website at home, please visit play.ttrockstars.com/reset; to load the latest version in their device's browser. Otherwise, update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store.

COUNSELLING SESSIONS. We are still accepting referrals for pupils to access the school's counselling service. There are a few spaces remaining on the waiting list to begin sessions this academic year. This service is available for Key Stage 2 children (years 3 – 6). Parent referral forms can be found on the school website or by speaking to a member of staff. Please visit the school website for more information about the service:

<https://www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk/index.php/counselling>. If your child is in need of support, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff; wellbeing will always be our top priority. There are many charities that offer advice and someone to talk to in times of need. These include: SHOUT 85258 – a 24hr text service; ChildLine 0800 1111; <https://www.kooth.com/> - online support community.

YEAR 3 PARENTS SPECIAL ASSEMBLY INVITE – CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM CELEBRATION. A special assembly will take place on **Friday 19th May** starting at 1:45pm. Parents and family members are invited to join us for this special event. If you could help with serving tea and coffee, then please approach the year 3 staff. This special assembly will be a great way for the children to demonstrate their learning and for parents to see all their hard work linked to the subjects they study. We're hoping this provides plenty of notice for you and we look forward to meeting you on the day.

***** COMMUNITY NEWS *****

Easter at Bulwell Forest Garden. Grow, cook and play. Monday 3rd April 11am – 2pm. Crafts, Easter hunt; bulb planting; Forest School fun; free food for kids; plants; hot drinks and cakes for sale. £1 per child. Parents FREE! For more details contact admin@bulwellforestgarden.co.uk.

Good Friday special. At St John's Church located via Keys Close Bulwell NG6 8JL. Friday 7th April 2023. 10:30am till 1pm. For primary aged children but parents are welcome! Under 5's also welcome with an adult. Loads of fun-filled activities. Egg decorating and bunnies; Games, drinks and biscuits; Things to take home; Music and songs; Help make an Easter Garden; painting, sticking, crafting. Why not bring a friend! This is a free community activity-and the children **WILL MAKE LOTS OF THINGS TO BRING HOME** – and there will be drinks and snacks provided. CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED FROM INSIDE CHURCH **but we'd like you to come early!** Family & friends – join us from 12:30pm for our celebration –then cakes, buns and drinks for all! Please book places in advance with: Denise Winwood at St John's – denise.winwood@sky.com tel. 9160713 or: Fr. Andrew Fisher at St Mary's – a.j.fisher@outlook.com tel. 975 5358.

Free or cheap activities and lots of support for families this Easter. Celebrate Easter in Nottingham this year with your friends and family, and find the perfect activities your local area has to offer. There are a variety of Easter-themed activities, including craft workshops, Easter egg hunts and games, making it the perfect family day out:

[Easter Holiday Ice Skating](#) - Friday 31 March – Sunday 16 April. [Library Easter Activities](#) Saturday 1 April – Saturday 15 April. [New Art Exchange Workshops](#) – Saturday 1 April – Saturday 15 April. [Nottingham Contemporary: I Spy, You Spy, We Spy](#) – Tuesday 4 April – Thursday 13 April. [Eggciting Easter Egg Hunt & Baking Events at Green's Windmill](#) - Saturday 1 April - Saturday 15 April. [Active Nottingham Easter Fun](#) – Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April. [Easter at Lakeside](#) – Friday 7 April – Sunday 16 April. [Grow your own Festival](#) - Friday 7 April - Monday 10 April. [Wollaton Hall Exhibitions](#). [Newstead Abbey Tours and Exhibitions](#). Throughout April, Asda cafes are offering children aged 16 or under the opportunity to enjoy a meal for just £1. This promotion is applicable all day, seven days a week until Sunday 30th April, and does not require any minimum spend or purchase. If you're struggling and need support over the Easter break there are [holiday funds and activities](#) available. [Find out more here](#).

Coronation Screenings at Nottingham Castle. Nottingham Castle, Lenton Road, Nottingham, NG1 6EL. In May, the Commonwealth will celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty The Queen Consort. On Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th May 2023, the grounds of Nottingham Castle will host a big screen to broadcast the Coronation and Coronation Concert. The broadcast timings are yet to be confirmed. Due to limited capacity in the Castle grounds, people will need to pre-book entry to the screenings in advance. Further information will be announced in due course.